

7 INCHES OF SNOW.

That Means Good Sleighting for a Few Days, at Least.

Traffic Interrupted and Mail Trains Much Behind Time.

It Provides a Day's Work for Thousands of Unemployed.

After a downfall of nineteen hours, ending a few minutes past 9 o'clock this morning, New Yorkers found a compact blanket of "the beautiful" spread over the city. It measured seven inches in depth, and while it brought many inconveniences to pedestrians, it was certainly a welcome visitation in one way to the unemployed poor.

Right here in this city the fall of snow was heavier than in any other place in the United States. This brings smiles to the countenances of stable-keepers, for they figure that there is sufficient of the fleecy on the ground to provide uncommonly good sleighing for to-morrow.

No day in the week is ever turned to better account when there is sleighing than the Sabbath. Top-notch prices are always charged and paid for cutters and other turn-outs. The Park, the Boulevard, the avenues north of the Park and the Riverdale Drive will all present a picturesque picture this afternoon and to-morrow, and the scene will be a cheery and glad one to those fortunate enough to indulge in the luxury of a sleighride.

The snowfall was at its heaviest during the night, and it being at that time, dry, clinging variety, it rested gracefully where it fell and gave the trees in the parks and avenues a white and wintry appearance.

This storm came into New York in a rapitan style, and was due to a depression in the temperature which was central off the middle Atlantic Coast, and depression has now passed north-easterly, and is centered over the north-east count to the middle Atlantic States and the lower portion of New England.

The wind accompanying the storm managed to obtain a maximum velocity of twenty-six miles an hour during the night, and it was then shrieking in from the northeast. To-day it shifted around to the northwest, and had simmered down to five miles an hour, which brought on a rise in the temperature of three degrees.

Last night the bubble in the thermometer stood at 25 degrees, and to-day at 28 degrees. It was a slight rise, but it was enough to give the city a new look, which carried it up to 30 at 10 o'clock.

Railroad traffic was bothered a bit locally, the commuters on the various roads emptying into the city being from three to eight or ten minutes behind time. But it was with the far-distant, mail-carrying express, that the greatest inconveniences were experienced.

The Southern and Western mails due at 7:30 to-day did not reach here until 9:30 o'clock. Those coming in over the line of the New York Central and Hudson River road, which should have been in at 7:35, were an hour late. A second early mail over the same line, due at 7:50, was more than two hours behind. The Eastern mails, due at 7:45, were just an hour late.

The storm was confined principally to the border of the Atlantic coast, and but little snow fell inland. It was snowing this morning over the New England States and the northern portion of the lake regions. Elsewhere it is generally fair over the country, with the exception of a fog along the South Atlantic coast.

Four inches of snow fell in Boston and in Philadelphia. It is still cold in the West, Chicago shivering yet with the

temperature only 2 above. St. Vincent, Minn., is the coldest spot today in the country, with its Icelandic frigidity of 2 below, while palms and palm-trees are in the vogue at Key West, Fla., with its 70 degrees of Fahrenheit.

Forecasters declare for clearing weather from now on. It will be generally fair, and will blow off a good bit colder to-morrow, with a northwesterly wind, and to-morrow should be crisp and clear.

MEANS WORK FOR THE POOR.

The Snowstorm a Blessing to Many of the Unemployed.

It seems difficult to imagine that in the homes of the very poor such a snowstorm as that of to-day should be hailed with mingled feelings of joy and lamentation; yet such is the fact. To the children it meant everything, to fathers and sons, who for months have been out of employment, it meant, at least, one day's work, with the bread and, perhaps, the beer which is day's wages brings.

To others of the poor it meant renewed hardships, increased hunger and the fear of illness through poor clothing and soiled shoes.

It was the first day of the winter that the broom and shovel brigade was out in force. Not the brigade which Supt. Andrews carries upon his payroll, but the great army of the unemployed who are willing to work at anything—do anything except beg.

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"AJAX" AS PATROL WAGON.

The New Policeman Carries a Drunken Man to the Police Station.

The necessity of a police patrol service in this city, which "The Evening World" has for some time been urging, became very evident today in an instance having to do with a rather humorous side.

Policeman McArick, of the Eldridge street station, went on patrol duty at 1 o'clock this morning with Probationary Policeman John Whelan, better known as "Ajax," the strong man.

Reaching the corner of Bowery and Grand street they discovered a drunken man lying on the sidewalk face downward, in an unconscious condition.

Picking the man from his bed of snow, the policeman found the victim partly covered with snow, and after they got him inside they beat me and robbed me of \$20. Then they kicked me out of the place.

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ROBBED AFTER A WAKE.

Hannigan Says His New Acquaintances Also Beat Him.

Justice Goetting, in the Lee Avenue Court, Williamsburg, to-day held Morris Cunningham, twenty-three years old, of 229 Throop avenue, to await examination on a charge of grand larceny.

Detectives Tamm and Gardiner, who made the arrest, give Cunningham a very hard name. Michael Hannigan owned a saloon at East New York avenue and Pacific street, and recently he was buried out. He secured the insurance money several days ago, and from all accounts has been having quite a spree ever since.

Thursday night he went to a wake in East New York and made a very easy time of it. There he met Cunningham, who induced Hannigan to go home with him.

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MORRISANIA IN DARKNESS.

Electric Lights Turned Off on Account of a Fire.

Three Alarms for a Blaze in a Barrel Storage House.

A fire which started at 2 o'clock this morning in a barrel storage-house, at One Hundred and Forty-first street and Ryder avenue, did \$1,200 damage. The storage-house is conducted by John Madden, and is a two-story building, 50 feet front, with a depth of 100 feet.

The fire had already gained headway when it was discovered by Henry Brooks, of 409 East One Hundred and Forty-first street. The locality is known as "Frog Hollow."

Brooks was formerly watchman there and still looks after the district from force of habit. He alerts the police, who have considerable trouble in looking after boys and tramps who start fires along the Mott Haven Canal, which runs in the rear of the storage-house.

The heavy snow made it difficult to get the engines to the scene of the fire. The men were compelled to walk and on some grades push the engine.

No. 41 was the first to arrive, in charge of Chief Row. He immediately turned in a second and third alarm.

The fire communicated to the lumber yard of Sedgwick & Armstrong, to the north of the barrel storage house, and to the machine shop of McDougal & Potter on the south. The next door south is the building of the New York Northern Side Electric Light Company.

The wires of this concern bending with the weight of snow, gave the firemen great trouble. There were also some hanging wires that threatened life, that the current was turned off, leaving Morrisania in darkness for over two hours. The fire was under control in that time.

About \$1,200 damage was done to the storage-house and \$1,000 to the buildings on either side.

Just across the street from the fire there is a row of three-story flat-houses. These were filled with blinding smoke, so that all the tenants were obliged to get out into the street.

In the house